

### Carson Street Gets Another 'Break' Here

Carson street is a highway of "breaks."

The first one occurs when that street abruptly ends near the Flood Control channel in Long Beach and then picks itself up on the other side of that break on Atlantic ave.

Tuesday night the city council added another "break." This one stops Carson at its junction with El Prado and then allows Carson to carry on from Post avenue.

A resolution changing the name of that "broken" portion of Carson to El Prado near the high school was adopted because the house numbering system is continuous with El Prado.

Some day the city may carry out a long-standing plan to cut Carson thru the park in front of the high school and then it will be a continuous street—at least until it hits the flood control channel in Long Beach.

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### Trio Facing Recall Launch Probe Of 6-Year Old Water Account

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sions of the council. Other matters of common interest to the current recall campaign that developed Tuesday night were:

Receipt of an opinion from Louis H. Burke, legal counsel for the League of California Municipalities, that salary payment of former City Judge Robert R. Lessing's claim for \$217,000 instead of the \$38,677 offered him when he was abruptly dismissed April 3 is a matter for the "pleasure of the city council."

Burke's written opinion, addressed to Mayor McGuire and John McCall and concurred in by the city's legal counsel, said that if a city employee is paid by the month he "presumably gets a month's notice" and is entitled to compensation up to the time of discharge or earned vacation on a pro rata basis.

No action was taken but it was evident that the majority bloc—Powell, Murray and Babcock—intend to stand by their original decision to pay Lessing only \$38,677. The ex-judge returned a check for that amount April 22, claiming \$145 for a full month's salary plus two weeks' vacation pay or a total of \$217,000.

Order \$339 Collection

Henceforth, City Judge John Shidler, Lessing's successor, will collect his own fines and turn them over to the city treasurer.

This change in fine-collection was proposed by Powell, seconded by Babcock and carried. Previously, ex-judge Lessing and Shidler had been ordered to keep "hands off" any fine collections, those having to make such contributions being required to present their donations at the city clerk's office. The new system is to be retroactive to the beginning of Judge Shidler's term.

Powell's next move, seconded by Murray, was to order City Attorney McCall to start legal action to obtain from Lessing the sum of \$339 which Powell claimed "was due the city for fines collected which are still due the city according to the auditor's report of May 13." The motion also received approval from Mayor Tom McGuire and Babcock.

City Auditor's Letter

Editor Cotton's letter to the council explaining the "unclassified" account on the water department records follows:

"I am informed that there is an apparent misunderstanding regarding the accounts and records of the Municipal Water Department with particular reference to an account classified as an Unclassified Investment of approximately \$35,000 which was set up on the books when the water department was purchased. The reason that this above amount could not be classified is due to the fact that it was the difference between the engineer's appraisal value and the actual amount paid for the water system.

"On July 10, 1933, the engi-

neers appraised the physical property of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company for \$118,341. On November 14, 1934, the engineers said the price of \$137,000 was basically fair not only from book value but from actual reproduction cost, therefore the City paid \$137,000 for the water system.

"The City also assumed outstanding Accounts Payable of \$7,446.33. The difference between the amount paid and the actual physical appraisal represents an unclassified asset which necessarily must be under some caption. Therefore it was placed in the Balance Sheets as an unclassified amount.

"In my opinion, the Municipal Water Department in the City of Torrance is as efficiently and effectively operated as any Water Department in the state of California. The books and records of this Department are accurately and efficiently kept.

"Hoping that this will clarify any misunderstanding that may have arisen and if you desire further information on this matter, do not hesitate to call me.

"Very truly yours,

(Signed) "LOGAN R. COTTON, Accountant & Auditor."

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Today's Honor in Flag and Fiddle

The flag should always be flown or displayed with the stars to the left and with the union floating to the right.

When hanging with the stripes in a vertical position, the stars should always appear in upper left hand corner.

On parade the American flag always claims the place of honor—at the right.

When flown at half-staff the flag should be hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. Before lowering the flag it should be raised again to the peak. On Memorial Day, May 30, the flag should be displayed at half-staff from sunrise until noon and at full staff from noon until sunset.

### CITY'S BULL FIDDLE BEING 'SLAPPED AROUND' AT H. S.

Building Ahead of Last Year

Building permits issued from the city engineer's office so far this month total \$39,585 as compared with \$35,120 for the month of May last year, it was learned this week.

The past week's permits have amounted to \$4,850. They were issued to William Nye for a five-room frame stucco residence and garage attached at 1324 Elm ave. \$3,000; Vuppilatt's cafe, 1528 Craven ave. for a Neon sign, \$50; S. Schmidt for a corrugated iron three-room residence remodeled from a garage at 1811 Border ave. \$600.

L. P. Liston for a frame shed, 50 by 70 feet, \$1,000, and another shed, 12 by 30 feet, \$200 at 17720 Prairie ave.

The Bible contains no word with more than six syllables:

Iran has one of the world's most complicated systems of foreign exchange control.

The careful driver is one who looks before he weeps.

A letter to the city council Tuesday night from Louis J. Sauter, director of the high school band, wrote the latest chapter in the years' old saga of "Where's the City-Owned Bass Fiddle?"

Right now that overgrown instrument is being slapped around by a high school student who is a member of the school band. Sauter expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of Councilman George V. Powell in securing the elusive bull fiddle for his musical group.

The city purchased a fine bass viol for the Torrance Symphony Orchestra of melodious memory a number of years ago. When the symphony fell apart, the bull fiddle became a bone of contention between the city and the orchestra's director George Mershon.

First Mershon had it then he didn't. Then a member of the defunct symphony had it for a while. Later City Clerk A. H. Bartlett stored it away in the city archives. Recently it was rumored that plans were afoot to raffle it off. Now, however, it is again in use and is being sawed at by a perspiring if not proficient high school student. Long live the city's bull fiddle!

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### COUNCILMAN'S BROTHER DIES

A sudden heart attack claimed the life of William Daniel Hitchcock, 71, retired master mechanic for the Santa Fe railway, Saturday morning at the home of his brother, City Councilman James E. Hitchcock at the C. C. M. O. A resident of Oceanide, Mr. Hitchcock was visiting here a few days following his release from a hospital where he had undergone medical treatment and was released last Thursday.

Mr. Hitchcock, a native of Woolwich, England, has retired recently. The funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at a San Bernardino mortuary chapel under direction of Stone and Myers of this city. Interment was at Mountain View cemetery, San Bernardino.

In addition to his wife, Ora, Mr. Hitchcock was survived by three sons, Charles M. of Monterey Park, Lawrence William of Tucuman, New Mexico, and David A. of Winslow, Arizona; a daughter, Mrs. Leo E. Murphy of Denver; four brothers, J. R. of Los Angeles, Frank H. of Fullerton, Arthur of Bakersfield, and James E. of Torrance, and two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Parish of Bakersfield and Mrs. J. B. Hayes of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

### Developer Tells How City May Grow and Prosper

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except Lockheed than any other city. This one feature makes it the logical and most desirable place for the location of airplane parts plants. Such factories were originally located far from the assembling plants. A closer connection means a saving in cost of delivery.

Many parts factories are outgrowing their present facilities and are contemplating moving. Some have already moved to localities where special inducements were offered. The airplane is in its infancy and is fast becoming an industry as has been locomotive manufacturing for the past 80 years and automobile making for the past 40.

How to Get Factories

Competition between communities to secure industries is very keen and becoming more so all the time. Those offering the most get them. The greatest inducements are:

- Geographical location—Torrance has it.
- Transportation facilities, such as rail, paved highways, nearness to harbor—Torrance has all.
- Ample water and cheap power—Torrance has always had plenty of water and will have cheap power.
- Buildings suitable for both rail and trucks at low rentals for lease or purchase at low price—these Torrance could provide.
- Airplane parts factories are most desirable—they will always be sold to the District cities at the rate of \$15 per acre foot, a rate equal to 3.5 cents per 100 cubic feet.

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exist and increase in production and number. One was recently located in Torrance (Doak Aircraft Corp.) It was secured by having a building at low rent offered by an owner who spent a considerable sum to make it suitable for the needs of such occupancy. This is a pointer on how to get others.

L. A. Must Decentralize

There is another and altogether different line of industry that Torrance by its location can without doubt secure by proper effort. It would be permanent and would develop without limit. It is the wholesale markets for farm produce and poultry. The present locality where that industry is located in Los Angeles has become so congested that it has to be—and soon will be—decentralized.

Distribution of food in metropolitan areas is an economic problem confronting the business, especially so in Los Angeles where present conditions cause loss of time and unnecessary expense in receiving, handling and delivering. Wholesalers and their customers, the retailers, alike want decentralization because it would mean immediately added profit to both by saving time to both.

Wholesalers would welcome the opportunity of moving or establishing branches in a city so located that it would be regarded as a permanent place for their business and, at the same time, become a distributing point for an established and growing trade. Torrance is just the place for such business to locate. It would become a distributing city and bring about decentralization. It would be welcomed by both wholesalers and retailers.

One Attracts Others

In addition, such an expansion would make Torrance widely

and favorably well known. It would make Torrance the marketing center where farmers, poultry men and others would bring their produce and find a cash market for it. This would work a double benefit for the city. It would attract the better class of farmers to locate on and put in cultivation large areas of uncultivated land surrounding Torrance; and the central city of a prosperous agricultural section becomes known as the center of a wealth-creating section and thus attracts capital.

Get one wholesaler of established reputation and dealing in any staple farm produce to locate a branch here and many others would be certain to follow. Torrance should not let its light of location remain under a bushel basket of ignorance. Let its location asset become known, develop facilities necessary to attract industries and then "go all out" to get them.

Opportunity is knocking today at the door of Torrance—let it in!

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- Mother's Home Life.....1 Yr.
- National Livestock Producer.....1 Yr.
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Watch the columns of this newspaper for this streamlined course in flag appreciation. It will answer all your questions on how to salute the flag, how it should be flown on patriotic occasions, how it should be carried in parades and many other rules about the flag which all patriotic citizens should observe.

Buglers and a firing squad from Ft. McArthur will salute those who have "gone West" and the Lloyd S. Todd accordion band will play. The public is cordially invited.

Dutch East Indies tobacco growers now are shipping most of their crop to New York.

The word "gospel" formerly meant "good story" or "glad tidings."

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